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Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (9 pages)

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 12/24/2002 setting a period of three months to reply, applicants provide the following Amendments and Remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. A Petition for Two Months Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period of response from March 24, 2003 to May 24, 2003 accompanies this response.

AMENDMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Title:

Please amend the title of the present application to read as follows:
"Nucleic Acids Encoding Nitrite Reductase and Uses Thereof"

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification to remove the hyperlinks at page 39, lines 4 and 14, and at page 18, line 20. Applicants note that substitute pages 18 and 39 accompany this response.